



BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Date: March 10, 2022

Time: 11:30 AM

Present:

David R. Breidinger, Presiding
Richard Balukas, Ed.D. via Zoom
James Dancy
Broadus Davis, Ed.D. via Zoom
Blake Eisenhart
Elizabeth Fineburg
Otto Grupp III via Zoom

Thomas Jennings
William Maeglin
Carol Mignoni-Ferguson
Carol Shelly
Philip Wursta
Jeffrey Garton, Esq
Felicia L. Ganther, J.D., Ph.D.

Absent: Frank Farry, Linda Mannherz

Mr. Breidinger called the meeting to order at 11:07 AM.

Upon motion by Ms. Fineburg, seconded by Ms. Shelly, the board approved the minutes of the February 2022 meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Breidinger remarked that he was happy to be back at the Epstein Campus in a mask optional environment. He reminded the audience of several important events on the calendar including the Foundation Community Awards on March 16, Inauguration of President Ganther on April 28 and Commencement on May 19.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President thanked Provost Angelo and all the members of the Green Team for guiding the college safely through the corona virus pandemic. We are pleased that the public health environment has improved but will continue to monitor the situation and be prepared to respond as needed.

Dr. Ganther reported that the college is the recipient of the Tobacco Free College Campus Grant funded by the Tobacco Prevention and Control Services of the Public Health Management Corporation of Philadelphia. The \$10,000 funding from the grant will be used to kick start our process in working towards a 100% Tobacco and Vape Free Policy at the college. A task force representative of all campus groups will provide the leadership for this important project.

The President related that food pantries are now available for students on all three campuses. We have received a tremendous outpouring of support from local organizations and student

groups wanting to donate to assist our students. Pantry partners include: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Bucks County Intermediate Unit, the Honors@Bucks Club and local business owners through the Newtown Business Association Retail Committee. We are extremely grateful for all who helped to make the pantries a reality, including our own Foundation.

President Ganther shared news about a number of exciting programs upcoming including the following:

- Today at 1:30 in honor of Women's History Month the college will offer a virtual program "The First Ladies." The presenter, Trish Chambers, who has appeared on the History Channel, will lead a discussion on the contributions of First Ladies during their residence in the White House.
- Tomorrow night don't miss an exciting performance in the Zlock Performing Arts Center, featuring Demetria Joyce Bailey in *Ladies Swingin' with the Band*. The evening will offer a high-energy, story-in song of female vocalists from the classic times of the '20s through the 50's.
- Next week the Foundation hosts their 10th annual Bucks Community Awards Reception on Wednesday evening, March 16 on the Newtown campus, where they will honor 5 recipients and recognize their contributions to the Foundation and the College. If you haven't RSVP'd yet please contact Andrew States to do so.
- Join us for an important forum on the *Crisis in Ukraine* on March 23 here at the Epstein Campus at Lower Bucks. Among the participants will be Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick and the Honorary Consul of Ukraine in Philadelphia on a panel moderated by faculty member Bill Pezza.
- Prospective students will be welcomed for Open Houses on March 23 at Newtown and March 30 at Upper Bucks, both from 6-8 PM. Please spread the word about this opportunity to learn more about what the college offers.
- Students can take advantage of two Career Fairs this semester in the Links Pavilion. A General Career Fair will take place on March 31, 2022 from 11:30am-1:30pm and the Healthcare Fair will take place on April 11, 2022 from 2:00-5:00pm.

The President reported that Kevin Antoine has been appointed to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) Reimagining Regional Rail Stakeholder Committee. SEPTA serves Philadelphia and its neighboring counties through a system of regional rail, buses and subways. Congratulations and thanks to Kevin for representing the college in this public forum. In conclusion the President thanked the members of the Cabinet for their work over the past eight months to help move the college forward and establish our new normal.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Carol Shelly,
Chair

Dr. Maureen McCarthy, Executive Director, RADAR, presented a strategic plan update. Accomplishments were viewed for each of the eight goals identified in the plan. Significant among them were: Workday student module implementation, engagement of RNL to develop strategic enrollment plan, distribution of CARES funds to students, opened food pantries on all campuses, improved connections between credit and noncredit programs, established the DEI Community Advisory Board, conducted student climate survey, planning for increased service to employers through Corporate College, instituted multi-factor authentication for students, continued campus network refresh, enhanced communication through expansion of leadership network and began facilities master plan process.

James Sell, Campus Dean, updated the trustees on activities on the Epstein Campus. Staff were thrilled to welcome students back in the fall and celebrated with a variety of events throughout the semester. A popular carry-over from the pandemic is *Talk About It Tuesdays* which gives students an opportunity to discuss issues with both students and counselors. Highlights of relationships with several community partners were shared including the Rotary Club of Bristol, Bristol Township School District, Lower Bucks Hospital and the Bristol Borough School District Academic Oversight Committee. Popular programs on the campus are In School Youth and the new commercial driver's license training. Coming up is the Show Some HeART Art Exhibit on April 1 and the long-awaited opening of the Center for Advanced Technologies. Mr. Sell concluded his presentation by recognizing Christine Tompkins for her service to the campus; Ms. Tompkins is retiring in June after 34 years at the college.

CONSENT AGENDA – Linda Mannherz, Finance Committee Chair

Mr. Breidinger announced that all action items would be considered on the Consent Agenda. Trustees were advised that if discussion were requested on any item, that item would be removed from the Consent Agenda.

In Ms. Mannherz' absence Mr. Maeglin chaired the committee proceedings. Upon motion by Mr. Maeglin and second by Ms. Shelly, the Board of Trustees approved the following:

Finance Committee:

Bid Awards

- **CAT shop equipment to Haas/Phillips Corporation for \$94,970.00**

- **Health Sciences ultrasound machine to Fuji Healthcare America for \$40,000.**
- **IT Microsoft Campus Agreement to Crayon Software Experts LLC for \$207,780.20 per year and a total of \$623,124.60 over three years.**

Other Contracts

- **CAT virtual training headsets to TRNSFRVR Inc. for \$50,000.**
- **IT server buyout lease to Hewlett Packard Financial Services for \$103,200.14.**
- **IT network equipment campus refresh to PhillyCom, Inc. for \$424,590.00.**
- **Security & Safety vehicle to Fred Beans Government Sales for \$37,500.00**

Change Order for CAT water meter pit to E.R.Stuebner for \$54,160.93.

Signatory Authority for BNY Mellon to Felicia L. Ganther and Francis Moore.

Student Fee Changes as follows effective March 23, 2022:

Student Activity Fee	\$4 per credit
College Service Fee	\$50
New Student Fee	\$75

BOARD COMMENT

There was no Board comment.

ADJOURN

Upon the motion to adjourn being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 A.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at the Newtown Campus on April 14 at 11:30 AM.

Carol Mignoni Ferguson, Secretary